

REMARKS

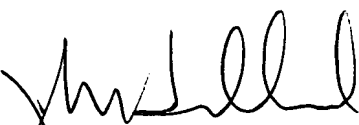
1. The Examiner has indicated that the "Related Applications" paragraph of the present application fails to provide a statement of the the relationship between the present application and the application in which the benefits of an earlier filing date are claimed. Appropriate amendment has been made the specification.

2. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 - 7 and 9 - 20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 - 18 of U.S. Patent No. US 6,654,57382.

Applicant encloses herein a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) in order to overcome the rejection of Claims 1 - 7 and 9 - 20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of Claims 1 - 7 and 9 - 20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting should be withdrawn.

3. Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same. If the Examiner is of a differing opinion he/she is hereby requested to conduct a telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney.



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